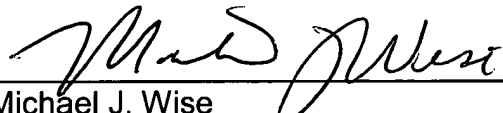


Remarks

Please cancel claims 1-12 and 14. In light of the foregoing, Applicants have placed the application in condition for issuance.

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